



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Child Molestation Arrest**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – May 23, 2013**

Carlos Israel Xitumul-Pineda, age 36, of Santa Barbara, was arrested for the following felonies: intercourse or sodomy with a child age 10 years or younger by a person 18 years of age or older; sodomy against a victim's will by force, violence, duress, menace, or fear to a victim under 14 years of age; and committing a lewd act upon a child under 14 years of age. The victims are two 5-year olds whom Xitumul-Pineda was babysitting.

On May 21, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., Santa Barbara Police Department Officers Josh Morton and Adrian Gutierrez responded to a residence on Santa Barbara's Westside on a call of a child molestation that had just occurred. Upon arrival they contacted two 5-year old victims and their parents who were the reporting parties.

The officers' investigation revealed the following. Xitumul-Pineda is a family friend who has assisted with babysitting the victims on occasions when their regular babysitters were unavailable. At the time of this incident Xitumul-Pineda was babysitting the victims when their mother returned home to find the door to their residence locked and the blinds covering the windows down; she found this to be unusual. Upon entering she found Xitumul-Pineda and the victims in states of partial undress. When she questioned the children about what had taken place with Xitumul-Pineda that afternoon she realized that they had been molested. The victims' father returned home moments later, at which time both parents confronted Xitumul-Pineda and told him that they were going to call the police. Xitumul-Pineda then left the residence.

Officer Morton and Officer Gutierrez located Xitumul-Pineda outside of his residence on the 500 block of W. Arrellaga Street and arrested him. SBPD Crimes Against Persons Detectives Michael Claytor, Charlie Katsapis, and Brian Larson assisted with follow-up investigation. Forensic medical examinations and child forensic interviews were conducted with the victims. Santa Barbara County Child Welfare Services was also notified. When interviewed Xitumul-Pineda admitted to molesting the victims on multiple occasions over the course of five months.

Xitumul-Pineda was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail on the aforementioned charges with a bail amount of \$250,000.00.



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